Divisions and zones of railways in Maharashtra

2208. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to reorganise the existing Divisions and Zones of Indian Railways in Maharashtra :

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what new proposals have been approved during the current year for Sholapur Division particularly laying of new lines and conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge alongwith the details of progress made in this regard '?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Railway Reform Commttee's recommeadations for reorganisation of railways by creating new Zones and Divisions are with the Ministry but financial constraints have precluded the possibility of going in for any new Zone or Division.

(c) No new line work is in progress on Sholapur Division. However, gauge conversion work in Daund-Baramat section is in progress. Miraj-Latur and Sholapur-Gadag sections have been included in the action plan for gauge conversion and are likely to be taken up in the coming years as per availablility of resources.

Relay fast by officers in the Railways

2209. SHRI ASH1S SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Group 'B' Officers of Indian Railways had gone on relay fast in the month of March, 1992 :

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether any memorandum was submitted by the Indian Rairway-men's Federation ; and

(d) if so, What are their main grievances and what remedial measures Government are contemplating to remove the frustration among the members of this vital category and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For redressal of their grievances.

(c) Yes, sir.

(p) A statement is attached.

Statement

The grievances of Groups 'B* officers mainly relate to the following items :

(i) Vacancies in Group 'A'

(ii) Inadequate quota of Group 'B' officers.

(iii) Delay in D.P.C.

(iv) Career Planning & stagnation.

(v) Pay fixation on promotion to Sr. Scale.

(vi) Pay scale anomaly.

(vii) Pay scale not commensurate with duties and responsibilities.

2. The above sunjects had been examined and the views of the Ministry of Railways communicated to the Promotee Officers' Federation during their meetings with the Ministry. The following benefits have been granted to the Group 'B' officers.

(i) On appointment to Group 'A', Groups 'B' officers are assigned weightage of service (Subject to

maximum of 5 years) rendered by them in Group 'B' and become senior to Group 'A' directly recruited officers appointed much earlier. This weightage assigned oh the Railways is most liberal.

(ii) Even before promotion into Group 'A'/junior Scale, Group 'B' officers are given ad-hoc appointment in senior scale and given pay in senior scale, if they have rendered 3 years' regular service in Group 'B\

(iii) Over and above the prescri-. bed quota for Departmental promotion, this Ministry has made available 463 additional vacancies in Group 'A'/Jr. Scale of different departments to improve the promotion prospects of Group 'B' officers.

Matters relating to fixation of pay, revision in the pay scales, etc. are equally applicable to all Government Departments and decisions in these cases are taken in consultation with nodal Ministries, i.e., Department of Personnel & Training and Ministry of Finance. Such issues are not decided in isolation by the Ministry of Railways.

Recruitment of officers in Railways

2210. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officers proposed to be recruited through direct recruitment and actually recruited on Indian Railways in Group 'A' departmentwise, and yearwise since 1978 ; and

(b) the number of Group 'B' officers inducted in Group 'A' on Indian Railways, departmentwise since 1978 ; yearwise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Two statements indicating the position, except R.P.F., are enclosed. *[see* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 37] R.P.F. Group B' service was replaced with Group 'A' in 1986 on the recommendation of the 4th Pay Commission.

रेलवे द्वारा नागरिकों से भूमि का अर्जन

2211. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे ने अपने कार्य के प्रयोजनार्थ नागरिकों से भूमि का अर्जन किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितनी भूमि अर्जित की गई है तथा उसका जोन-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि जिन व्यक्तियों की भूमि इस प्रयोजन के लिए अर्जित की गई थी, उनको पुनर्वास और रोजगार अब तक मुहैया नहीं करायी गयी है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उन व्यक्तियों का जोन-वार ब्यौरा क्या है जिन्हें अब तक रोजगार प्रदान नहीं किया गया है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उन व्यक्तियों का जोन-वार ब्यौरा क्या है जिन्हें पुनर्वास की सुविधा तथा रोजगार प्रदान कर दिया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

राजकीय रेलवे पुलिस की रिपोर्ट पर कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध की गई जांच

2212. **श्री शारदा महन्ती** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजकीय रेलवे पुलिस, हरिद्वार की रिपोर्ट पर कुछ कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध जांच कराई गई थी